

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

**Thursday, August 13, 2009
7:30 P.M.**

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Dave Brink, Finance Director
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews stated he hoped everyone had an opportunity to attend the Village of Indian Head Park 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 8th. He thanked everyone that helped at the event including Board members, office staff, police personnel and public works employees. Mayor Andrews noted that approximately four hundred people turned out for the 50th Anniversary celebration, five hundred sandwiches were distributed, about fifteen cases of soda and water were handed out and ice cream bars were donated by the 7-Eleven in Brookside Plaza.

Mayor Andrews stated that sponsors who made a donation to the 50th Anniversary Celebration and volunteers will be recognized in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*. Trustee Bermier thanked Diane Andrews and Karen Lake for helping to weed the garden areas in Blackhawk Park prior to the event. Mayor Andrews also thanked Trustee Bermier for her assistance in helping to weed Blackhawk Park. Mayor Andrews stated that the American Legion Robert Coulter Auxiliary Post 1941 in LaGrange presented a commemorative certificate and flag at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. He noted the certificate of special recognition states: *"in recognition of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Village of Indian Head Park, your dedication to country and concern for the welfare of your citizens of your community serving as members in the armed forces of the United States of America, the American Legion and the Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941, commends your Village for your exceptional patriotism and support for those service members and their families who are coping with the anxiety of long deployment separations."*

Mayor Andrews noted that he received an e-mail message on this date from Jim Burke, of 14 Sweetwood Court, a resident of Indian Head Park, questioning the taxpayer dollars that were spent on the Village of Indian Head Park 50th Anniversary celebration. Mayor Andrews asked if Mr. Burke was present at the meeting this evening so a response could be provided. He noted Mr. Burke was not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Andrews stated that some tax dollars were spent on the Village's 50th anniversary celebration and he further noted that approximately \$6,500 was received in donations to the Village's 50th anniversary celebration to be used for the benefit of the residents of the community. Because of the contributions from our supporters, the Village's portion of the event was about half the total cost. Mayor Andrews pointed out that every expenditure the Board makes can be questioned by any resident at any time. He noted that there will always be at least one person or more that will find issue with how money is spent whether it is a 50th anniversary celebration, the leaf pick-up, plowing or salting the streets or other expenditures. Mayor Andrews stated that the Village's priorities are on track and 50 years happens once in a lifetime of a person, a marriage or anniversary of a municipality. Trustee Bermier stated that there were many comments from residents who mentioned they had a great time at the 50th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Andrews mentioned that this past July 11th was the two year anniversary of the passing of Police Chief Patrick Crowley, a tree was planted last year and a commemorative plaque was inscribed for his dedication and service to the Village and installed next to the Swamp White Oak tree that was planted. He noted that Chief Crowley left us at too young of an age and his service and dedication to the Police Department is recognized.

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting - July 29, 2009

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the July 29, 2009 special Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ **FINANCIAL REPORTS - TREASURER STEVE BUSA**

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2009

Approval of the Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2009

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the months ending June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009. For the month of June, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$211,652.89; (2) expenditures were \$259,404.47 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of June were \$486,666.23. For the month of July, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$345,020.38; (2) expenditures were \$322,451.92 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of July were \$361,703.12.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the months ending June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

★ **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. ***Continuation of Discussion, Consideration and Possible Vote to Grant Zoning Relief Requested for an In-Ground Pool, Safety Fence and Landscape Enhancements at 11145 Ashbrook Lane.***

Mayor Andrews stated that late afternoon on Thursday, August 13, 2009, a letter was received from Gregory Dose, Mr. Nix's attorney, requesting that the Board postpone consideration and vote to the September Board meeting with regard to the in-ground swimming pool at 11145 Ashbrook Lane. Mayor Andrews read the following letter into the record from Gregory Dose, from the law firm of Goldstein, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemec and Hoff, Ltd.:

“Dear Mayor Andrews: This firm has been retained by Jim & Gwen Nix to assist with obtaining zoning and permit approvals for the accessory swimming pool and related improvements for their residence at 11145 Ashbrook Lane. I, along with the Nix’s contractor and design consultants, have received and reviewed the August 10, 2009, Plan Review Record prepared by Tim Halik with regard to the most recent plans submitted for the pool improvements. The Nix’s contractor and consultants want to revise their plans to address comments made by Mr. Halik, with the expectation that all items of concern can be successfully addressed. They expect that revised plans can be filed with the Village within 10 days. Since new plans will be forthcoming, we ask that the Village Board continue its consideration of the Nix zoning petition from tonight’s meeting to its next scheduled meeting on September 10. Sincerely, Gregory Dose.” Mayor Andrews stated that Mr. Jim Stortzum, the attorney for the Ashbrook Townhome Association, was present prior to the start of the meeting this evening. He noted that Mr. Stortzum submitted a letter to the Village and requested that the Nix pool matter be continued to a date other than the September 10th Board meeting since he cannot be present for that meeting. Mayor Andrews mentioned that Mr. Nix’s attorney and Mr. Stortzum were contacted prior to the meeting to inform them that the request for the continuation of this matter may be granted to allow the property owner and their contractor time to review the plans and provide comments to the plan review report. Mayor Andrews stated that Mr. Stortzum was provided an opportunity to participate in the meetings and to call witnesses to provide testimony and provide input on this zoning matter.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to continue the consideration, discussion and possible vote regarding an in-ground swimming pool at 11145 Ashbrook Lane to the Thursday, September 10th Board meeting to allow the petitioner an opportunity to address plan review comments noted in the last report dated August 10th. Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to grant a continuance with regard to consideration and possible vote regarding an in-ground swimming pool at 11145 Ashbrook Lane, as requested by Gregory Dose, Mr. & Mrs. Nix’s counsel. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Donna Smith, a member of the Ashbrook Townhome Association Board, mentioned that Jim Stortzum, counsel for the Ashbrook Townhome Association cannot be present at the September 10th Board meeting due to a prior commitment. She asked if the zoning matter with regard to 11145 Ashbrook Lane could be deferred to the October Board meeting since Mr. Stortzum has been present for the past several meetings. Mayor Andrews stated that the Board will decide at the September meeting whether the matter needs to be continued to another meeting or the Board may decide to vote on the matter at the September meeting. Mayor Andrews suggested that Mr. Stortzum could possibly contact Mr. Nix’s counsel to discuss any schedule conflicts as it relates to upcoming meeting dates. He noted that the petitioner has requested additional time to address plan review comments, that request was granted and the matter will be placed on the September Board agenda for discussion, consideration and a possible vote.

2. *Review and Approval of 2009/2010 Budget*

Mayor Andrews noted that the proposed 2009/2010 Budget was distributed to the Board members last week. He noted that prior to the debt certificate refinancing, the budget deficit was \$55,919 and the current projected budget deficit for 2009/2010 is approximately \$8,423.

Mayor Andrews pointed out that several budget line item expenses were reduced including a reduction in the 50th anniversary expenses, a lower price for road salt was received from the State of Illinois than anticipated and the interest rate is lower on the debt certificate that was refinanced. Mayor Andrews stated that his recommendation to the Board is to approve the budget with the shortfall of \$8,423, the state, county and other agencies are also dealing with the same economic situations as the Village. Mayor Andrews stated that the budget deficit is less than 1% of the total proposed budget for 2009/2010, the budget is merely an estimate and as the year continues on possibly other sources of revenue could be explored. Mayor Andrews pointed out that there were reductions in several expenses, the Village cannot anticipate unexpected expenses that may come up during the year and the leaf pick-up program is included in the budget to be approved. He noted that the fall leaf pick-up program will be re-tooled in some fashion and more compact in terms of the program that will be provided. Mayor Andrews stated that the leaf program schedule will be reviewed, in the coming year the leaf pick-up will not continue past Thanksgiving, after that date it will be the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of leaves and there will be no additional pick-up of leaves once the program ends.

Trustee Coleman stated that each year the seasons are different and possibly the leaf program could end when the first snowfall of the season occurs so that the leaf pick-up equipment could be removed and slow plow blades and salting equipment could be added to the trucks. Mayor Andrews stated that the Board will continue to review the leaf program with Superintendent Santen.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the 2009/2010 Budget dated August 5, 2009, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

★ QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

RETURN TO THE OPEN MEETING

Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to return to the regular Board meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:25 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary